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Tutor Teaching Tips

Rattlers (R)

MATERIALS

Graphic organizer

Leveled reader

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Game cards;
Game board;
Markers

Graphic organizer;
Leveled reader

Before Reading 3–5 minutes

BUILD BACKGROUND: Ask: *Have you ever seen a rattlesnake? Where? What was it doing?* Have the child write what he/she knows about rattlesnakes in the first column on the graphic organizer.

PREVIEW THE BOOK: Show the child the covers of the book, and read the title. Have the child write what he/she would like to find out about rattlesnakes in the middle column on the graphic organizer.

Open the book to the table of contents and read the chapter titles. Ask: *Which chapter(s) might have the answers to your questions?*

Point out a word in bold such as *hibernating* on page 7 and show the child how to find it in the glossary.

Look at the photos with the child and point out the captions. Point out the map, illustrations, and boxes titled “Do You Know?” Explain that these provide additional information about rattlesnakes.

During Reading 10–15 minutes

Ask the child to read pages 4–14 aloud. If the child has difficulty, read the pages together. Then ask the child to read them independently. Have the child work out unfamiliar words by looking at the letters and word parts. Tell the child to think what word makes sense in the sentence. If the child cannot work out the word, tell him/her. Have the child reread the sentence with the word and then continue reading.

After Reading 10–15 minutes

RETELL: Ask the child what he/she learned about rattlesnakes from reading pages 4–14. If necessary, prompt by asking: *What else did you learn?*

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER: Ask the child to circle any questions on the graphic organizer that were answered on pages 4–14. Have the child write what he/she learned about rattlesnakes in the third column on the graphic organizer. If the child has difficulty, help him/her find the information in the book and read it aloud.

CRITICAL THINKING: Ask the child if he/she thinks all rattlesnakes should be destroyed, and to explain why or why not.

VOCABULARY GAME: Place the cards riddle side up in a stack. Have the child select a card, read the riddle, and answer the question. Have the child turn the card over to check the answer. If correct, he/she can move along the game board the number of spaces indicated on the card. Have the child place the card at the bottom of the stack. It is now your turn.

Home Connection

Have the child finish reading the book at home and write any other things he/she learned on the graphic organizer.

What I K now	What I W ant to Know	What I L earned

INSTRUCTIONS: Write what you know about rattlesnakes in the first column. Write questions you have about rattlesnakes in the second column. When you finish reading, write what you learned in the third column.

Directions: These game cards are two-sided. Print or copy back-to-back to make one set of cards.

Leveled Reader

 Game Cards (FRONT)

Rattlers (R)

A word that means body temperature goes up and down with the air around it.

Snakes use these to inject venom into their prey.

Rattlers use this to warn people or animals.

Another name for the type of place where animals live.

Rattlers do this in a den in the ground during the winter.

Another word for the poison rattlers use to kill their prey.

A name starting with *p* for animals that kill and eat other animals.

The name of the group of snakes that have pits on their heads to sense heat.

The name of the movement where the snake uses its muscles to lift and lower the edges of its scales.

All the world's rattlers are found here.

Rattlers use this to help them smell their prey.

The name of the movement where the snake moves its body in an s-shaped motion.

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Leveled Reader

 Game Cards (BACK)

Rattlers (R)

rattle

1

fangs

1

cold-blooded

3

venom

3

hibernate

4

habitat

2

caterpillar

4

pit vipers

2

predators

5

serpentine

5

forked tongue

3

North and
South America

4

Leveled Reader

Game Board

Rattlers (R)

